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SUBJECT: UNHCR PREPARED TO FORCE RELOCATION OF RWANDAN  
REFUGEES ON IDJWI ISLAND

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE ATTACKS ON IDJWI ISLAND, UNHCR WILL ASK ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES IN BUKAVU TO APPROVE THE RELOCATION OF 40,000 REFUGEES FROM IDJWI ISLAND TO THE MAINLAND. IF RELOCATION IS NOT APPROVED, UNHCR WILL RELOCATE REFUGEES FROM THE SHORE FACING RWANDA TO THE SHORE FACING ZAIRE. IN RESPONSE TO ANY REFUGEE RESISTANCE TO RELOCATION, UNHCR IS PREPARED TO CUT OFF ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY

3. PER REFTTEL INSTRUCTIONS, MISSOFF CONTACTED UNHCR'S EASTERN ZAIRE DESK OFFICER, ARNAUD AKODJENOU, TO ADVISE HIM OF USG CONCERNS ABOUT A POSSIBLE ATTACK ON IDJWI ISLAND AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT UNHCR PLANS TO DEAL WITH THAT CONTINGENCY. AKODJENOU SAID THAT UNHCR'S BUREAU DIRECTOR, KAMEL MORJANE, DECIDED ON JULY 4 TO ATTEMPT TO RELOCATE THE RWANDAN REFUGEES (ABOUT 40,000) FROM THE ISLAND TO THE MAINLAND. MORJANE INSTRUCTED THE SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE IN BUKAVU TO CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SEEK THEIR APPROVAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CAMP IN THE MAINLAND A REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM THE BORDER. AKODJENOU NOTED THAT UNHCR IS AWARE THAT THE ISLAND IS BEING USED BY THE EX-FAR AND INTERAHAMWE TO STAGE CROSSBORDER ATTACKS INTO RWANDA.

4. IF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO APPROVE THE RELOCATION, UNHCR WILL MOVE THE REFUGEES FROM THE EASTERN TO THE WESTERN SHORE OF IDJWI (I.E. AS FAR AS  
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POSSIBLE FROM THE RWANDAN BORDER). AKODJENOU EXPLAINED THAT REFUGEES ON THE ISLAND MAY REFUSE TO RELOCATE AND THAT UNHCR IS PREPARED TO CUT OFF ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THEIR RELOCATION.

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5. MISSION NOTES THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT UNHCR SAYS IT IS WILLING TO USE A STRONG ARM TACTIC TO ENCOURAGE THE MOVE OF REFUGEES IN THE REGION. THIS REFLECTS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE VOLATILITY OF THE SECURITY SITUATION AND POSSIBLY A DESIRE TO SHOW RWANDAN AUTHORITIES THAT THEY ARE NOT CONDONING THE USE OF THEIR CAMPS FOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES. END COMMENT.

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